

REMARKS

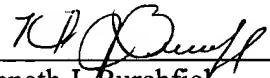
Claims 1-125 are in consideration. Newly-presented Claims 25 to 125 are submitted in support of Applicants' accompanying Request for an Interference With a Patent Under 37 C.F.R. §1.607, submitted herewith. Applicants request that an interference be declared between the present application and U.S. Patent 6,083,228 (Michelson), which is of record. A copy of the Michelson '228 patent is attached for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of newly presented Claims 25 to 125 is fully supported by the disclosure of the present specification and drawings, as demonstrated in detail in the accompanying request under 37 C.F.R. §1.607, § V. If it would be helpful to the Examiner, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the present amendment and the request for interference.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the power appointing the undersigned to represent applicants, which was filed in the present application on July 3, 2001, is enclosed. Applicants also attach a copy of U.S. Patent 5,674,296, which is incorporated by reference in the present specification, for the Examiner's convenience.

Early consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 25-125 are added as new claims.